

REMARKS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 4, 2007, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application. Claims 10-13 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-9, 14-22 are pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Specifically, claims 1-9 and 14-22 have been allowed.

Rejection under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 10-13 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hinson (U.S. Patent No. 6,144,391) and Nemiroff (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0075399). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 10-13 have been canceled. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants submit that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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